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## Special Announcement

**Strengthening Partners Initiative (SPI).** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* announces that applications are now available for the 2004-2005 SPI Class. SPI is a training opportunity for emerging nonprofit and faith-based organizations. The one-year program is designed to help nonprofit professionals move their organizations to the next level of operations and service-delivery. Executive Directors (or equivalent positions) from organizations located and providing direct services in DC may apply if the following conditions are met: incorporated in DC; 501(c)(3) status from the IRS; annual budget under \$500,000; desires professional and organizational growth; and has strong commitment to complete the 12 month program and adhere to attendance requirements. The deadline for applications is July 2, 2004, at 5:00pm. Applications may be e-mailed, faxed, or picked-up from OPGD, 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20001. For additional information or to obtain the application, contact OPGD at (202) 727-8900.

## Federal Opportunities

**Demonstration Projects in Post-Adoption Services and Marriage Education.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Administration for Children and Families (ACF)* announces funds to support continuous innovation and improvement in the quality of post-adoption services designed to improve outcomes for adopted children and their families. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, private institutions of higher education, for-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, and state

and local government entities. The deadline for applications is July 23, 2004. Approximately \$2 million is available to fund 7 awards not to exceed \$300,000. For further information, contact Geneva Ware-Rice at (202) 205-8913 or [gware-rice@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:gware-rice@acf.hhs.gov); or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-11645.txt>.

**Field Initiated Child Care Research Projects.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Administration for Children and Families (ACF)* announces funds to support researchers in investigating child care issues that are consistent with the Child Care Bureau's research agenda and to improve the overall quality of child care research. Eligible applicants include public agencies, nonprofits, universities, colleges, for-profit organizations, and community- and faith-based organizations. The deadline for applications is July 26, 2004. Approximately \$ 2million is available to fund 8 awards, ranging from \$200,000-\$400,000. For further information, contact William Wilson at (202) 205-8913 or [wwilson@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:wwilson@acf.hhs.gov); or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgtxt/04-11816.txt>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

**Field Initiated Service Demonstration Projects in the Adoption Field.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Administration for Children and Families (ACF)* announces funds to support continuous innovation and improvement in the quality of adoption services on topics identified by the field as cutting edge or to test new solutions to continuing problems. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, private institutions of higher education, for-profit organizations, and state and local government entities. The deadline for applications is

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July 13, 2004. Approximately \$2 million is available to fund 5 projects. The grant amount will not exceed \$400,000 in the first budget period. For further information, contact Geneva Ware-Rice at (202) 205-8354 or [gware-rice@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:gware-rice@acf.hhs.gov); or go to: <http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/HHS/ACF/OA/HHS-2004-ACF-ACYF-CO-0019/Grant.html>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

**Initiatives To Educate State Legislatures About Priority Public Health Issues.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)* announces funds to identify and implement national educational initiatives that address the need for accurate, timely, and comprehensive public health information for state legislatures through informational forums and other communication channels related to current and emerging public health concerns including barriers to effective public health. Eligible applicants include national, nonprofit, non-partisan or bi-partisan organizations that consist of requisite memberships representing legislatures from all 50 states. The deadline for Letters of Intent (LOI) is June 17, 2004. The deadline for applications is July 12, 2004. Approximately \$1.2 million is available to fund one award. For further information, contact Jennifer Tucker at (770) 488-6454 or [jrt5@cdc.gov](mailto:jrt5@cdc.gov); or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-12002.htm>.

**Museums for America.** *The Institute of Museum and Library Services' (IMLS)* Museums for America program announces funds to support projects and activities that strengthen museums as active resources for lifelong learning and key players in the establishment of livable communities. Museums for America grants are designed to be flexible. They can be used for ongoing museum activities, research and other behind-the-scenes activities, planning activities, new programs or activities, purchase of equipment or services, or other activities that will support the efforts of museums to upgrade and integrate new technologies into their overall institutional effectiveness. Eligible applicants include nonprofit museums that exist on a permanent basis for essentially educational or aesthetic purposes. The deadline for applications is November 15, 2004. Applicants may apply in one of three funding categories: \$5,000 – \$24,999; \$25,000 – \$74,999; or

\$75,000 – \$150,000. A 1:1 match is required in each category. For further information, contact Christine Henry at (202) 606-8339, (202) 606-8591-fax, or [chenry@imls.gov](mailto:chenry@imls.gov); or go to: [http://www.imls.gov/grants/museum/mus\\_mfa.htm](http://www.imls.gov/grants/museum/mus_mfa.htm).

**National Leadership Grants for Libraries.** *The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)* announces funds to support programs that provide creative solutions on issues of national importance and leadership for organizations in the area of library services. Categories of funding include: Advancing Learning Communities; Building Digital Resources; and Research and Demonstration Projects. Eligible applicants include all types of libraries, except federal and for-profit libraries. The deadline for applications is February 1, 2005. Awards range from \$25,000-\$1 million. For further information, contact Martha Crawley at (202) 606-5513 or [mrcrawley@imls.gov](mailto:mrcrawley@imls.gov); or go to: [http://www.imls.gov/grants/library/lib\\_nlgl.asp](http://www.imls.gov/grants/library/lib_nlgl.asp).

**National Spina Bifida Information and Resource Development Center.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)* announces funds to prevent the recurrence of pregnancies affected by Neural Tube Defects (NTDs), expand local programs for those affected by spina bifida, promote research proposal development (not implementation), and expand information resources. Eligible applicants include national, nonprofit organizations with state chapters that have expertise in: developing health education messages for women at risk of having a NTD-affected pregnancy; developing state chapters to improve the health of individuals with spina bifida and their families; and developing a central resource information and education center about spina bifida. The deadline for applications is June 25, 2004. Approximately \$950,000 is available to make one award. For further information, contact Lisa T. Garbarino at (404) 498-3979 or [lgt1@cdc.gov](mailto:lgt1@cdc.gov); or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-11871.htm>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

**Networking and Certifying Suicide Prevention Hotlines.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Substance Abuse and Mental*

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*Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)* announces funds to manage a toll-free national suicide prevention hotline network utilizing a life affirming number which routes calls from anywhere in the U.S. to a network of local crisis centers that can link callers to local emergency, mental health, and social service resources. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, state and local governments, colleges and universities, and community- and faith-based organizations. The deadline for applications is July 21, 2004. Approximately \$2.2 million is available to fund one award. For further information, contact Brenda Bruun at (301) 443-4456 or [bbruun@samhsa.gov](mailto:bbruun@samhsa.gov); or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-11940.htm>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

## **Pension Counseling and Information Program.**

*The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Administration on Aging (AoA)* announces funds to assist individuals in understanding and enforcing their pension rights. Eligible applicants include public and/or nonprofit organizations, and community- and faith-based organizations. The deadline for applications is July 12, 2004. Up to 3 projects will be funded, ranging from \$150,000-\$450,000. For further information, contact DHHS at (202) 357-3440; or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-11823.htm>.

**Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers (RRTC) Program - Improving Employment Outcomes.** *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds for projects designed to meet one of the following priorities: Employment Policy and Individuals with Disabilities; Employment Service Systems; Workplace Supports and Job Retention; and Substance Abuse and Employment Outcomes. Eligible applicants include public and private organizations or agencies, for-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, and state agencies. The deadline for applications is July 23, 2004. Approximately \$2.8 million is available to fund 4 awards of up to \$700,000. For further information, contact Donna Nangle at (202) 205-5880 or [donna.nangle@ed.gov](mailto:donna.nangle@ed.gov); or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgrtxt/04-11680.txt>.

**Study Effect of West Nile Virus Infection on Outcomes of Pregnancy in Humans.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)* announces funds to determine whether West Nile Virus (WNV) infection of pregnant women has adverse effects on the outcomes of pregnancy and to measure and describe the effects, if any, on the health of children born to women who were infected with WNV during their pregnancy. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, governments and their agencies, research institutions, colleges, hospitals, and universities. The deadline for applications is July 6, 2004. Approximately \$350,000 is available for one award. For further information, contact Lisa T. Garbarino at (404) 498-2700 or [lgt1@cdc.gov](mailto:lgt1@cdc.gov); or go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-11872.htm>.

**Testing for Primary HIV Infection in Sero-negative Patients.** *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)* announces funds to determine the feasibility, effectiveness, and costs of screening for acute infection among seronegative individuals tested for HIV. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, colleges, universities, research institutions, hospitals, community-based organizations, and state and local government entities. The deadline for applications is July 23, 2004. Approximately \$2 million is available to fund 3 awards, ranging from \$500,000-\$1 million. For further information, contact the CDC Procurement and Grants Office at (770) 488-2700; or go to: <http://www.tgci.com/fedrgrtxt/04-11643.txt>.

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**DEADLINE CORRECTION. Neighborhood-Based Activities: Comprehensive Housing Counseling Services Community Development Block Grant.** *The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)* announces funds for comprehensive housing counseling services in designated neighborhoods of DC. **The deadline for applications is June 22, 2004, at 4:00pm.** Applications can be obtained from 801 North Capitol Street, NE, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Reception Desk, Washington, DC 20002. A Pre-Application Conference will be

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held on June 2, 2004, 10:00am, at DHCD, 801 N. Capitol Street, NE, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor. For further information, please contact DHCD, Residential and Community Services Division, at (202) 442-7161. The RFA will be available on or about May 28, 2004, on the DHCD website: [www.dhcd.dc.gov](http://www.dhcd.dc.gov).

## **Intensive In-Home and Community Based**

**Services.** *The Department of Mental Health (DMH)* announces funds for Intensive In-Home and Community Based Services grants. The target population is youth served by DC's Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) who are in foster care and meet certain eligibility criteria. The deadline for applications is June 21, 2004, at 4:30pm. A pre-application conference is required for all applicants. The conference will be held June 3 from 1:00-3:00pm at DMH's Fifth Floor Training Room. The RFA may be picked up from 9am-4pm at the reception desk of DMH, 64 New York Avenue, NE, Fourth Floor, Washington, DC 20002. For further information, contact Evette Jackson, Project Manager, at (202) 724-7106, (202) 671-0176; or [ejackson@cfsa-dc.org](mailto:ejackson@cfsa-dc.org).

**Multi-Systemic Therapy Services.** *The Department of Mental Health (DMH)* announces funds for multi-systemic therapy services. The target populations are youth and families meeting the eligibility criteria for this service and served by DC's Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA). The deadline for applications is June 14, 2004, at 4:30pm. The RFA may be picked up from 9am-4pm at the reception desk of DMH, 64 New York Avenue, NE, Fourth Floor, Washington, DC 20002. For further information, contact Evette Jackson, Project Manager, at (202) 724-7106, (202) 671-0176; or [ejackson@cfsa-dc.org](mailto:ejackson@cfsa-dc.org).

**Electronic Grants Clearinghouse.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgd.dc.gov/opgd/cwp/view.a.1316.q.586841.opgdNav.133041.asp>.

*The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Arts Learning & Outreach: Arts Education Projects*, June 3, 2004.

*The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Neighborhood-Based Activities: Storefront Façade Development*, June 4, 2004, at 4:00pm.

**AMENDED.** *The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)/State Education Agency (SEA), No Child Left Behind Supplemental Educational Services Program FY 2004-2005*, June 4, 2004, at 5:00pm.

*Serve DC, K-12 Learn and Serve America School-Based Grants*, June 8, 2004, at 5:00pm.

*The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), The East of the River Arts Initiative (EOR)*, June 9, 2004.

*The DC Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (ODMPSJ) /Justice Grants Administration (JGA), Crime Victims Assistance Grant (VOCA)*, June 18, 2004, at 5:00pm.

*The DC Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (ODMPSJ) /Justice Grants Administration (JGA), Juvenile Justice Challenge Activities Grants*, June 18, 2004, at 5:00pm.

*The DC Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (ODMPSJ) /Justice Grants Administration (JGA), The Services\*Training\*Officers\*Prosecution (STOP) Violence Against Women Grant*, June 18, 2004, at 5:00pm.

*The DC Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (ODMPSJ) /Justice Grants Administration (JGA), Title II Juvenile Justice Grants*, June 18, 2004, at 5:00pm.

*The Department of Human Services (DHS)/Family Services Administration (FSA), Homeless Services for Single Adults and Families Network Management Grant*, June 22, 2004, at 4:00pm.

*The Department of Human Services (DHS), Homemaker Services*, July 2, 2004, at 4:45pm.

*The Office of the Secretary (OS), Escheated Estates*, June 25, September 24, and December 30, 2004.

*The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Folk and Traditional Arts Mini Grants*, September 2, 2004, at 6:00pm.



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*The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCA), Arts Learning and Outreach: Teacher Mini-Grant Program, September 30, 2004, at 6:00pm.*

*The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP), applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.*

*The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial Property Acquisition and Development Program (CP-A&D), applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.*

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**After Prison Initiative.** *The Open Society Institute's Justice Fund* supports the After Prison Initiative. The mission of the initiative is to work against the criminalization of race and poverty by promoting public policies and private initiatives that support successful reentry and reintegration of people returning from prison. Funding supports advocacy, coalition building, public education, impact litigation, and policy-driven research and analysis that promote investment in community infrastructure instead of prisons. Eligible applicants include advocacy groups, community groups, scholarly or research institutions, government agencies, associations of elected officials, and nonprofit business associations or initiatives. Priority will be given to applications in which people with criminal convictions have a leadership role and/or meaningful participation. Letters of Inquiry (LOI) are accepted at any time. For further information, go to: [http://www.soros.org/initiatives/justice/focus\\_areas](http://www.soros.org/initiatives/justice/focus_areas).

**Animals.** *The DJ & T Foundation* supports low cost spay/neuter clinics and voucher programs. The Foundation's Clinic Grants support organizations that operate low-cost spay/neuter clinics or are planning to open one and/or organizations that operate a low-cost mobile spay/neuter clinic or are planning to start one. The Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) Grants are for organizations with established public outreach programs for socialized companion animals with homes or that are planning to establish such a program. Eligible applicants include nonprofits. There are no deadlines for applications. For more information and to download the application, go to: <http://www.djtfoundation.org/index.htm>.

**Breast Health.** *The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation National Race for the Cure®* is currently offering grants for innovative, non-duplicative projects addressing one or more of the needs identified in the National Capital Area statement of need, outlined in the Request for Application Guidelines (RFA). Eligible applicants include nonprofits with services conducted within and serving residents of the following areas only: Washington, DC, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Fairfax County, Loudoun County, Arlington County, Alexandria City, and Prince William County. The deadline for applications is August 6, 2004. Grants of up to \$75,000 are available. A grant writing workshop will be held on July 8, 2004, 8:00am-4:00pm, at a location to be announced. To reserve your space for the workshop, register by July 1 at [grants@komen.org](mailto:grants@komen.org), Subject: NRFTC Registration, Attention: Melissa Seeger. Include attendee's name, organization, address, email, phone and fax number. For further information and to download the application, go to: <http://www.komen.org/grants/default.asp?nodeid=302>.

**Disabled Youth.** *The Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation (MEAF)* is dedicated to helping young people with disabilities maximize their potential and their participation in society through technology. Eligible applicants include nonprofits. There are no deadlines for concept papers. For further information, contact MEAF at 1560 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1150, Arlington, VA 22209; (703) 276-8240; (703) 276-8260-fax; or go to: <http://www.meaf.org>.

**Environmental Conservation.** *The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and other sponsors* announce funds for start-up grants for The Nature of Learning program, a community-based environmental education initiative. The program seeks to promote awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the importance of local conservation efforts. Eligible applicants are collaborative partnerships that include schools or nonprofit organizations and local National Wildlife Refuges. The deadline for applications is June 28, 2004. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available for start-up expenses associated with new programs. In addition, grants of up to \$3,000 are available to support existing *Nature of Learning* programs. For

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additional information and applications, contact Suzy Oversvee, NFWF, at (202) 857-0166, (202) 857-0162-fax, or [suzanne.oversvee@nfwf.org](mailto:suzanne.oversvee@nfwf.org); or go to: <http://www.nfwf.org/programs/tnol.htm>.

**Youth Athletics and Wellness.** *The Finish Line Youth Foundation* supports athletics and wellness for America's youth. Finish Line believes providing funding and assistance for education, sports and exercise will consistently propel kids in the right direction. These athletic and wellness programs place importance on living a healthy lifestyle, bolstering their confidence and leadership skills, and teaching them the importance of teamwork. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations with a primary focus on assisting children and young adults 18 and under. There are no deadlines for applications. For further information, go to: [http://www.finishline.com/store/corporate\\_info/youthfoundation.jsp](http://www.finishline.com/store/corporate_info/youthfoundation.jsp).

## Resources & Announcements

**REMINDER. New Federal Grant Application Requirement.** *The Office of Management and Budget (OMB)* has directed all federal agencies to require all federal grant applicants to provide a Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number when applying for federal grants or cooperative agreements. The DUNS number, which will help to improve the statistical reporting of federal grants and cooperative agreements, will be required whether an applicant is submitting a paper or electronic application. DUNS numbers are required as of October 1, 2003. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 and indicating you are a federal grant applicant. You can also visit their website for more information <http://www.dnb.com/us/>.

**Community Technology Centers (CTC) Program - Technical Assistance.** *The Department of Education (DOED)/Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE)* announced funds to significantly expand access to computers and related services for disadvantaged residents of economically distressed urban communities who would otherwise be denied such access. Eligible applicants include entities such

as foundations, museums, libraries, for-profit businesses, nonprofit or community-based organizations (including faith-based organizations), institutions of higher education, state educational agencies (SEA), local educational agencies (LEA) (including a charter school that meets its state's definition of an LEA), private schools, or a consortium of such entities, institutions, or agencies. The deadline for applications is June 1, 2004. To access a technical assistance webcast for the CTC grant, go to: <http://www.sendvideo1.com/clients/edc/splash.htm>. To access the original NOFA, go to: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-8660.htm>.

**Couples and Marriage Policy.** *The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)* concentrates on family policy and access to civil legal assistance for low-income families. Family policy projects include welfare reform, workforce development, child-care, child support enforcement, child welfare, reproductive health and teen parents, and couples and marriage policy. A recent report from its couples and marriage policy division, *Beyond Marriage Licenses: Efforts to Strengthen Marriage and Two-Parent Families. A State-by-State Snapshot*, shows that over the past ten years, every state has undertaken at least one activity or made at least one policy change designed to strengthen marriage and/or two-parent families—although most of these efforts have been modest. This report, which is the first to provide a state-by-state description of government-related activities in couples and marriage policy, includes profiles of seven “high-activity” states and descriptions of at least \$90 million in recent federal grants for marriage-related demonstration projects, technical assistance, and research and evaluation. To access the report, go to: [www.clasp.org](http://www.clasp.org).

**DC Events Calendar.** *The DC.Gov* website provides an online calendar with a citywide listing of events for District residents, businesses and visitors. Daily, weekly, and monthly views are available. Information can be broken down by type of event, topic, quadrant or ward. You may send information to be included in the calendar, as well. For further information and to access the calendar, go to: <http://app.calendar.rrc.dc.gov/dayView.aspx?cdlCalendar=&cdlStatuses>.

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## **District Contracts As An Additional Funding**

**Source.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD) and the Office of Contracting and Procurement (OCP)* will host an information session on the ABC's of District government contracts. This session will take place on June 14, 2004, 10am-noon, at One Judiciary Square, 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC, Room 1107 South. The session is free but registration is required by June 11, 2004. To register, please contact OPGD at (202) 727-8900.

## **Freddie Mac Foundation Outcomes Funding**

**Workshops.** *The Freddie Mac Foundation* is sponsoring four free workshops in preparation for the Foundation's September 1 deadline. Introduction to Outcomes-Based Funding is for new Freddie Mac Foundation applicants or those who want to refresh their knowledge of the application and its investor context. Consulting on Targets and Milestones is for those who have attended the introductory session and need help in finalizing their targets and milestones. The workshops are targeted to nonprofit executive directors, program managers and development directors. The schedule for workshops is as follows: Introduction - June 15, 2004, 8:30am-noon; Consulting on Targets and Milestones - Foster Care & Adoption and Advocacy, June 15, 2004, 1:30pm-5:00 pm; Strengthening Families, June 16, 2004, 8:30am-noon; and Youth Development, June 16, 2004, 1:30pm-5:00pm. All workshops will be conducted at the Freddie Mac Foundation, 8200 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, VA, Conference Room - Atlanta A. A continental breakfast will be provided and refreshments will be available in the afternoon. For further information and to register for one of these sessions, contact Monica Perez at [monica\\_perez@freddiemac.com](mailto:monica_perez@freddiemac.com) by May 24, 2004. Be sure to include the name of workshop you would like to attend, organization name, name and title of attendee, and phone number. To review the Foundation's guidelines, go to: [www.freddiemacfoundation.org](http://www.freddiemacfoundation.org).

## **Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC).**

*The Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 200 South. The primary focus of the GIRC is to

assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but requires an appointment. **Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.**

**Online Fundraising Handbook.** *Groundspring.org* supports small-to-medium sized nonprofit organizations by providing information technology and services to effectively and efficiently raise funds, communicate, and enhance engagement with their stakeholders. Groundspring.org's free Online Fundraising Handbook was created to help nonprofits increase the effectiveness of their web sites, raise funds online, mine the Internet for new donors and much more. To access this handbook and other resources, go to:

<http://www.groundspring.org/learningcenter/index.cfm>.

**Organizational Effectiveness.** *The Foundation Center* offers the National Minority AIDS Council's series of 14 manuals that provide community-based organizations with powerful tools to enhance their organizational effectiveness. Some of the manual topics include: Faith-Based Leadership - providing faith leaders with the necessary skills to organize community members to develop networks and coalitions that address the issues specific to their communities; Needs Assessment - presenting the techniques for completing an assessment of a nonprofit organization; Program Development - providing a step-by-step outline of the planning process that communities, groups and organizations can follow to develop action plans and successful programs; and Surviving an Audit - addressing the most common legal and financial challenges community-based organizations face and offers practical solutions. For additional titles in this series, search the Center's bibliographic database - <http://lnps.fdncenter.org/> - with "National Minority AIDS Council" in the publisher search field. For further information, contact the Foundation Center at (202) 331-1400; or go to: <http://fdncenter.org/washington/>.

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**Speakout For Your Health!** *The Consumer Health Foundation (CHF)* will host its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and First Community Speakout to discuss the state of health and healthcare in the metro DC area and what we can do to improve our community's health. Join WAMU's Kojo Nnamdi, your neighbors, and local representatives on June 9, 2004, at The George Washington University Marvin Center, Grand Ballroom. Registration, reception, and community exhibits will start at 4pm. The Speakout will take place from 5-7pm. For more information, contact Jacquelyn A. Brown, Program Officer, CHF, at [jbrown@consumerhealthfdn.org](mailto:jbrown@consumerhealthfdn.org); or go to: [www.consumerhealthfdn.org](http://www.consumerhealthfdn.org).

**Spirit of Giving Guide.** *The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region* is inviting your organization to apply to be featured in the Foundation's third annual Spirit of Giving Guide. The Spirit of Giving Guide is a special publication created by the Foundation to raise awareness about a critical issue in the region and to showcase 15-20 effective, smaller nonprofits working to address the issue. Each year, the Foundation selects a different issue and/or community to highlight in the Guide. Last year's Guide focused on East of the Anacostia River in Washington, DC. This year's Guide will provide an in-depth look at civic engagement and the extraordinary work of 15-20 nonprofits bringing residents, youth, and community leaders together in creative and inclusive ways to bring about community change. The Guide will also provide an overview of civic engagement and the past, present, and future role this work plays in the region. Eligible applicants must meet all of the following criteria: be a 501(c)(3) organization, community organization with an appropriate nonprofit financial sponsor, civic association, faith-based organization, or coalition with an appropriate nonprofit financial sponsor; have an annual operating budget that totals \$2 million or under; and have current civic engagement work that serve residents living in DC, the City of Alexandria, or the following counties – Montgomery and Prince George's (MD), and Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun (VA). The deadline for applications is June 11, 2004. For further information, go to: <http://www.cfncr.org>.

## **Working With Start-Up Organizations.**

*GrantCraft, a project of the Ford Foundation*, provides an online source of information for grantmakers on the tools and techniques of effective

grantmaking. A series of GrantCraft Guides is based on the actual experiences of grant makers and grant users. Each contains special features to help you scan topics quickly, review key lessons, and explore ways to use the guide with different groups. The newest guide offers key lessons on working with start-up organizations. For further information, go to: [http://www.grantcraft.org/catalog/guides/startups/key\\_startups.html](http://www.grantcraft.org/catalog/guides/startups/key_startups.html).

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